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Richmond County Sheriff's Office

RONALD STRENGTH
SHERIFF

March 29, 2009

To the Citizens of Augusta-Richmond County, Georgia

Dear Citizens of Augusta-Richmond County:

The Richmond County Sheriff's Office is in the process of applying for funding through the Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) FY 2009 Local Solicitation Program. This grant has replaced the former Local Law Enforcement Block Grants (LLEBG) Program, which is administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance. The purpose of this program is to provide funds to units of local government to underwrite projects to reduce crime and improve public safety. This year the RCSO proposes the purchase of new portable radios, additional law enforcement vehicles, and computer software licenses as outlined in the attached application review.

As a prerequisite to approval, the citizens of Augusta-Richmond County must be given an opportunity to review the application process and provide feedback. With this in mind, I ask you to review the proposal for funding on the following pages. Simply put, this funding program offers our agency **\$584,165** to support these purchases over the next four years, **with no requirement to spend any local tax dollars** (referred to as a "local match").

If you would like to provide feedback or make an inquiry or comment regarding this funding program, please contact Chester V. Huffman at (706) 821-1577, or email to chuffman@augustaga.gov.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Ronald Strength
Sheriff, Richmond County, Georgia

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**RECOVERY ACT
EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL
JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT**

JAG

FY 2009 LOCAL SOLICITATION

CITIZENS

APPLICATION REVIEW



The Honorable Ronald Strength,
Sheriff, Richmond County Georgia

Prepared & Submitted for the
Sheriff by Chester V. Huffman

March 29, 2009

Grant # 2009-F1957-GA-SU

APPLICATION REVIEW

The applicant agency (RCSO) must make the grant application available for review by its governing body not fewer than thirty (30) days before the application is submitted to BJA.

PUBLIC COMMENT

This application is made public and provides for an opportunity to comment by citizens and neighborhood or community organizations.

PROGRAM FUNDING

Funding for this program is based on Uniform Crime Report data for Augusta, Georgia, as submitted to the FBI by the Richmond County Sheriff's Office. The funding will be spent in the Purpose Area of law enforcement technology and crime prevention programs.

FUNDING PURPOSE

Purchase of Portable Radios

Mobile communications technology has changed over the past twelve years, and a majority of the currently-used portable radios were purchased either before 1996 or shortly after. In an effort to transition from an older technology to the latest, the RCSO began purchasing portable radios for some divisions last year. Under the JAG FY 2009 Local Solicitation Program, the Richmond County Sheriff's Office (RCSO) proposes to purchase 161 portable radio devices. The purchase of these 161 radios will complete the transition from the older radios to the latest technology.

Purchase of Law Enforcement Vehicles

Under the JAG FY 2009 Local Solicitation Program, the RCSO proposes to purchase four (4) additional law enforcement vehicles. As the RCSO fleet is becoming older and more difficult to be replaced due to current budget constraints, the use of this available funding will allow for the unencumbered purchase of four vehicles.

Purchase of Computer Software Licenses

Under the JAG FY 2009 Local Solicitation Program, the RCSO proposes to purchase software licensing for a field reporting module available to the Uniformed Division. As part of the current Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) technology program well under way at the RCSO, this accident-reporting software use will further enhance the professional operations of the agency. As the software purchase has already been made, additional licensing for each MDT is all that is now required.

BUDGET NARRATIVE

The amount of available federal funding under this program is **\$584,165**. There is **no local match requirement**. The JAG FY 2009 Local Solicitation Program budget will be expended by the RCSO as follows:

- Purchase 161 portable radios at a cost of \$2,700 each, for a total cost of \$434,700;
- Purchase Computer Software License (Easy Street Draw) - \$43,239;
- Purchase four law enforcement vehicles (Ford Crown Victoria – state bid) at a cost of \$28,154 each, for a total cost of \$112,616

Note: The total expenditure is \$590,555. The overage of \$6,390 will be expended from another program that will have no impact on the current budget.

Time Table

The funding period for this grant is four years. Awards are made in the first fiscal year of the appropriation and may be expended during the following three years, for a total of four years. Extensions beyond this period may be made on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Director of BJA.

Note: After acceptance of the award, the funds may be deposited (prior to expending) into an interest-bearing trust fund account. This means that any interest earned on the deposited funds must also be spent during the program period.